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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PAHO AND FAO ELECTIONS

REF: MONTEVIDEO 481 (NOTAL)

1. GOU FOREIGN MINISTRY' S DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN POLICY, AMBASSADOR JORGE BARREIRO, TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 15 THAT MINISTRY UNDER STRONG PRESSURE BY CHILE TO SUPPORT REELECTION OF PAHO DIRECTOR HORWITZ.
2. HOWEVER, BARRERIO SAID GOU CONTINUED TO LOOK WITH FAVOR ON MEXICAN CANDIDATE, DR. HECTOR ACUNA. ACUNA ATTRACTIVENESS TO GOU BASED UPON URUGUAYAN ESTIMATE THAT MEXICO' S SUPPORT WOULD BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT OF CHILE FOR FORTHCOMING URUGUAYAN NOMINATION OF JOSE FELIPE YRIART AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO) AT FAO ELECTIONS DUE END OF 1974.
3. BARREIRO DECLARED THAT GOU WOULD PROBABLY BEGIN SEEKING SUPPORT FOR YRIART IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS. EMBOFF TOLD BARREIRO THAT WE HAVE HAD NO INFORMATION ON 1974 FAO ELECTIONS, BUT POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE PROBABLY FAR TOO EARLY FOR INDICATION OF US VIEWS AT THIS TIME.

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4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT GOU WILL SEEK TO TRADE OFF ITS FAHO VOTE FOR SUPPORT FOR YRIART IN FAO. AS SUCH, GOU WILL PROBABLY MAKE COMMITMENT IN PAHO MATTER MUCH SOONER THAN ANTICIPATED. URIART, A CAREER DIPLOMAT, WAS URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO U. S. FROM 1963 TO 1969 AND HAS SERVED AS FAO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS SINCE THAT TIME.
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